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## Banks.

### HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND, 1,800,000 Dollars.

#### COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq. Deputy Chairman—HON. W. KESWICK. E. R. BELLION, Esq. WILHELM REINER, Esq. H. L. DALRYMPLE, Esq. F. D. SANSON, Esq. H. HOFFMANN, Esq. W. S. YOUNG, Esq. A. MÖLVER, Esq.

#### CHIEF MANAGER.

Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq. Manager. Shanghai, EWEN CAMERON, Esq. LONDON BANKERS—London and County Bank.

### HONGKONG.

#### INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—  
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 " " "  
" 12 " 5 " " "

#### LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East, Hongkong, February 15, 1879.

### ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

### RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON FIXED DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 8% per Annum.  
" 6 " " 5% " "  
" 12 " " 5% " "

On Current Accounts at Rates which can be ascertained at their Office.

D. A. J. CROMBIE, Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation, Hongkong, November 23, 1878.

### CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, £200,000. RESERVE FUND, £150,000.

#### BANKERS.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in Hongkong grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

### RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

On CURRENT ACCOUNTS, 3 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.  
On FIXED DEPOSITS:  
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 " " "  
" 12 " 5 " " "

### F. HUTCHINGS

begs to announce to the Community of Hongkong that he will be able to supply BEEF, MUTTON, &c., from 1st October, and trusts that they may grant him their support.

Shops—WILLIAMSON STREET, opposite the Cathedral.  
Hongkong, September 20, 1878.

## For Sale.

### RECENTLY ARRIVED, FOR SALE.

RODGERS'S CELEBRATED OUTLET.

WATERLOO'S and DE LA RUE'S STATIONERY. DESSERT and DINNER SERVICES. TABLE GLASSWARE. GENTS' TOOL CHESTS.

CABIN SUSPENSION and BULK-HEAD SWINGING LAMPS for OIL. CABIN SWINGING CANDLE-STICKS.

SIGNAL and MASTHEAD LAMPS, (Latest Admiralty Regulation). TUBE EXPANDERS, Assorted Sizes. ENGINEER'S HAMMERS.

MATHEMATICAL INSTRUMENTS. COPPER WIRE GAUZE. SPIRIT LEVELS.

INDIA RUBBER SHEETS, Assorted Sizes. INSERTION RUBBER, Assorted Sizes. INDIA RUBBER DOOR MATS.

INDIA RUBBER SUCTION and DELIVERY HOSE. LEATHER BELTING.

A Large and Choice Assortment of American and English ELECTRO-PLATED WARE.

NEW and POPULAR BOOKS, INSTRUCTIVE and AMUSING. EDUCATIONAL WORKS.

WORKS OF REFERENCE. PRESENTATION BOOKS. NOVELS, &c.

MUSIC & SONGS, by First-class Composers. OPERAS, MUSICAL INSTRUCTION BOOKS, &c.

A Fine Selection of SHERRIES. Very Fine "O. K." BOURBON WHISKY. CHATEAU DE FRANDS. (A fine full flavoured Breakfast CLARET.) BRANDIES. GIN. LIQUEURS. ALES. &c.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & CO. Hongkong, February 21, 1879.

FOR SALE. EUGENE RIMMEL'S TROPICAL FLOWER WATER.

SUPERIOR TO ALL SIMILAR PREPARATIONS. VOGEL & Co. Sole Agents for China. Hongkong, February 19, 1879. my19

## Intimations.

THE CHINESE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given, that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above-named Company, will be held at the Company's Office, No. 39, Queen's Road, in the city of Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 10th day of March next, at 3 p.m., for the purpose of passing certain Special Resolutions providing for the following alterations in the Constitution and Articles of Association of the Company; viz:—

1.—That the Business of the Company be in future managed by a Board of Directors and a Secretary instead of the former and General Agents as heretofore.

2.—That if in the opinion of the Directors the Business of the Company in any year be such as not to warrant the Payment of Interest at 12 per cent. per annum on the Paid-up Capital, they may during such year reduce such Rate to such lower amount as they may consider desirable for the interests of the Company.

3.—To enable the Directors if a necessity shall arise to pay such Interest or any part thereof out of the Reserve Fund.

4.—To provide that when there shall be profits applicable for dividend the same shall be divisible as the Shareholders in Meeting shall determine.

5.—That Fourteen Days instead of Thirty Days notice may be given of all Meetings of the Company.

6.—That Clause 147 of the Articles of the Company be expunged, leaving future changes in the Regulations of the Company to be made as provided for by Ordinance No. 1 of 1868.

NOTICE is hereby also given, that a Second EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company, will be held at the same Hour and Place on MONDAY, the 24th day of March next, for the purpose of confirming such Special Resolutions as may be passed at the First mentioned Meeting.

Dated this Third day of February, 1879.

By Order, J. BRADLEE SMITH, General Agent.

## For Sale.

### EX LATE ARRIVALS.

WOOLLEN SOCKS, DRAWERS and UNDERSHIRTS. LETT'S DIARIES. LETT'S DIARIES. RIDING WHIPS, BRIDLES and PONY HARNESS. RUG STRAPS, YORK HAMS, CHIT BOOKS. HORSE CLIPPERS, FILTERS, SILVER LAMPS. French and English LIFE VESTS. The New Patent LIFE VESTS. PONY HARNESS, CRUDD'S FIREPROOF SAFES. SALAMANDERS for Heating Baths.

WORKS OF REFERENCE, California APPLIES. HAIR BRUSHES, BILLIARD CLOTHS. COPYING PRESSES, CHRISTY'S HATS. SCARFS, COLLARS, KID GLOVES. FOOD WARMERS, CIGARETTES. CRICKET BATS, BALLS, GLOVES, &c. PANTAGA'S HAVANA CIGARS. BATH TOWELS, PAINT BOXES. DAMASK for Table Cloths, STATIONERY.

PATENT WATER CLOSETS, POCKET BOOKS. DOG COLLARS and CHAINS, TENNIS BALLS. CHILDREN'S BOOKS, VALISES. Ladies' and Gentlemen's DRESSING BAGS, Fitted. AIR CUSHIONS, BILLIARD BALLS. SHORT KNIVES with SWORD BAYONETS. Bass's ALE, GUINNESS'S STOUT, Bottled by FOSTER. Bass in Hds., SACCONI'S SHERRIES.

## LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, January 9, 1879.

## Intimations.

### NAVAL CONTRACT, 1879-80.

SEALED TENDERS, in duplicate, will be received by the Undersigned, until Noon on TUESDAY, the 25th Instant, from Persons desirous of SUPPLYING the following ARTICLES for the use of H. M. Navy for the Year 1879-80, viz:—

BISCUITS. SORT BREAD. FRESH BEEF. FRESH VEGETABLES. TEA. RAISINS. RICE. SUGAR. WATER.

Printed Forms of Tenders and further particulars can be obtained at the Naval Storekeeper's Office. The right to reject the lowest or any Tender is reserved.

J. BRENNER, Storekeeper.

H. M. Victualling Yard, Hongkong, February 11, 1879. fe25

CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT LOAN 1877.

THE COUPONS falling due 28th February current of the above LOAN, together with the BONDS DRAWN for Redemption, will be Paid at the Office of this CORPORATION on and after that Date.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, Agents Issuing the Loan, T. JACKSON, Chief Manager. Hongkong, February 22, 1879. mal

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the Half-year ending 31st December last, at the Rate of ONE POUND STERLING (£1 Sgd.) per Share of £125, is PAYABLE on and after MONDAY, the 17th Current, at the Office of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Court of Directors, T. JACKSON, Chief Manager. Hongkong, February 15, 1879.

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of MEMBERS of THE HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, will be held at the City Hall, on WEDNESDAY, the 26th February, 1879, at 3.30 p.m.

By Order, E. GEORGE, Secretary. Hongkong, February 17, 1879. fe28

NOTICE.

MRS. J. F. ROSE begs to intimate to the Ladies of HONGKONG, CANTON and the Coast Ports that on the 1st MARCH she will OPEN a DRAPERY and DRESS-MAKING Business in the Premises lately occupied by Messrs. ROSE & Co., next door to the Hongkong Hotel, Queen's Road.

All communications to be addressed to Mrs. J. F. ROSE, as the Business will be conducted on her sole account.

Hongkong, February 1, 1879. mal

DENTAL NOTICE.

D. B. ROGERS will visit SHANGHAI during the Summer Months, leaving HONGKONG on the 1st of April next. Hongkong, February 10, 1879.

## Intimations.

### ROYAL TYOON JAPANESE TROUPE.

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL, TO-MORROW EVENING, (TUESDAY), February 25th, 1879.

ONE MORE PERFORMANCE. GRAND BENEFIT OF THE JAPANESE SISTERS MAY AND EVA.

CHANGE OF PROGRAMME. THE JAPANESE INVISIBLE SNAKE WIRE.

BY TORA KITCHIE. The Greatest Wonder in Balancing ever witnessed.

THE JAPANESE MAGIC LADDER, by the Little Marvel A. K. I. T. O. H. I. E. This Astonishing feat performed by a mere child astonishes and delights all beholders.

BENDING AND CONTORTION, BY MAY KITCHIE. Who has been pronounced by the Press to be a Living Wonder.

SNAKE ROPE PERFORMANCE, BY LITTLE JAPANESE TOMMY.

THE SWINGING BAMBOO, BY EVA KITCHIE.

JAPANESE MAGIC INTRODUCING THE WONDERFUL BIRD CAGE TRICK.

JAPANESE TOP SPINNING and MAGIC DAGGER, BY MEMBERS OF THE TROUPE.

JAPANESE TUMBLING in which Act, TORA KITCHIE will leap through A HOOP OF FIRE!!!

SINGLE TRAPEZE and BALANCOING, BY EVA KITCHIE.

DOUBLE SWINGING TRAPEZE, By the Japanese Sisters MAY and EVA.

THE GREATEST WONDER OF THE 19TH CENTURY "LA PERCHEE."

THE GREAT AMERICAN ROPE-TYING TRICK.

By kind permission of Colonel JAGO and the Officers of H. M. 74th Highlanders, the Band of the above Regiment will play during the Evening.

Doors Open at 8.30, to Commence at 9 p.m.

PRICES OF ADMISSION: Upside, \$2. Downside, \$1. Children, Half Price. Hongkong, February 24, 1879. fe26

## Auctions.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

ARTHUR SMITH and OTHERS VERSUS KILMER and OTHERS.

By order of the Sheriff, under direction from the Registrar of the Supreme Court, by Virtue of an Execution in the Supreme Court in the above named Suit.

THE Undersigned will sell, by Public Auction, on

THURSDAY, the 27th February, 1879, at 2 p.m., at BALL'S COURT, the Residence of W. MacGREGOR SMITH, Esq.,

The whole of the HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, etc., comprising:—English-made Walnut Drawing-room Suite.

Marble-top Tables and Tea, Poy, Corner Whatnots.

Chimney Glasses, Oleographs, Carpets, Rugs, and Ornaments.

Teak Extension Dining Table, Dining-room Chairs, Card Table, American-made Sideboard with Glass, Dinner, Dessert, and Breakfast Sets, Glass and Plated Ware.

Double and Single Iron Bedsteads, Iron Cots, Wardrobes, Chest of Drawers, Mahogany Cheval Glass, Marble-top Toilet Table and Washstands, Writing Table, and Copying Press.

One Pony Trap and Pony. &c., &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued, and the whole to be on view on and after Wednesday, the 26th Instant.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary. J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer. Hongkong, Feb. 23, 1879. fe27

## Auctions.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

ELEGANT AMERICAN AND ENGLISH-MADE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, OIL PAINTINGS, ENGRAVINGS, CHROMOS, OLEOGRAPHS, GLASS WARE, PLATED WARE, PIANO, &c., &c., &c.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from H. S. LORING, Esq., to sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY, the 25th February, 1879, at 2 p.m., at his Residence, United States Consulate, Arbutnot Road,—

The whole of the ELEGANT HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c., comprising:—English-made Mahogany Drawing-room Suite.

American-made Cabinets, with Glass Doors.

Blackwood Tables, Handsomely Carved.

Blackwood Carved Marble-top Tables. Crystal Gasaliers, Gas Brackets, Carpets, Hearth-rugs, Engravings, Oil Paintings, and Chromos.

American Bronzes, Statuettes, and Ornaments.

English-made Mahogany Dining-room Suite.

English-made Mahogany Telescope Dining Table.

American-made Oak Sideboard, Handsomely Carved.

American-made Walnut Dining-room Chairs.

Dinner, Dessert, and Breakfast Sets, and Glassware.

American Plated-ware.

Double Brass Bedstead, Mahogany Cheval Glass with Marble-top Stands, Marble-top Toilet Table and Washstand, Lady's Wardrobe, American-made Walnut Wardrobe with Plate Glass Door.

Office Desks, Writing Tables, Book Shelves, Clocks, &c.

A COTTAGE PIANO, by JOHN BROADWOOD and Sons.

&c., &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued, and the whole to be on view on and after Monday, the 24th Instant.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary. J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, February 12, 1879. fe25

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

By order of the BOARD of DIRECTORS of THE CLUB LUSITANO, with the sanction of a majority of the Shareholders given in General Meeting.

THE Undersigned will sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY, the 1st March, 1879, at 2 p.m., on the Premises,—

Lot 1.—All that Piece or Parcel of GROUND, being portion of Inland Lot No. 125, measuring about 6,400 square feet, with a Frontage of 91 feet, more or less, on Elgin Terrace; and the MATERIALS of that portion of the Building known as the LUSITANO THEATRE, being upon the said Piece of Ground.

Lot 2.—The GAS SUNLIGHT, BRACKETS, PIPES, and other GAS FITTINGS, and SEATS in the said Theatre.

Conditions of Sale and Particulars of the Property may be obtained upon application at the Office of the Undersigned, where also a Plan of the Premises may be seen.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, February 12, 1879. mal

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from H. M. Naval Store-keeper, to sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY, the 11th of March, 1879, at 11 o'clock a.m., at H. M. NAVAL YARD,—

Sundry condemned NAVAL and VICTUALLING STORES, comprising:—Old Wrought and Cast Iron, Iron Tanks, Leather Hoses, Canvas, Lamps, Lanterns, Glass, Clocks, Boats, etc., etc.

Sundry Provisions, Clothing, etc.

2817 lbs. Tobacco.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Government Auctioneer. Hongkong, Feb. 21, 1879. mal



## Shipping.

## Steamers.

**FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOSHOW.**  
The Steamship  
"DOUGLAS,"  
Capt. M. Young, will be de-  
spatched for the above Ports  
on TUESDAY, the 26th instant, at Day-  
light, instead of as previously notified.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DOUGLAS LARPAIK & Co.  
Hongkong, February 22, 1879. fe28

**FOR YOKOHAMA & HIOGO.**  
The Steamship  
"SAINT MARK,"  
Captain T. J. Johnson, will  
be despatched as above on  
WEDNESDAY, the 26th instant, at Day-  
light.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
MEYER & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, February 22, 1879. fe28

**AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVI-  
GATION COMPANY.**  
FOR PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN,  
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE,  
168 1791 3402 5012 6625 8238 9851 11464 13077 14690 16303 17916 19529 21142 22755 24368 25981 27594 29207 30820 32433 34046 35659 37272 38885 40498 42111 43724 45337 46950 48563 50176 51789 53402 55015 56628 58241 59854 61467 63080 64693 66306 67919 69532 71145 72758 74371 75984 77597 79210 80823 82436 84049 85662 87275 88888 90501 92114 93727 95340 96953 98566 100179 101792 103405 105018 106631 108244 109857 111470 113083 114696 116309 117922 119535 121148 122761 124374 125987 127600 129213 130826 132439 134052 135665 137278 138891 140504 142117 143730 145343 146956 148569 150182 151795 153408 155021 156634 158247 159860 161473 163086 164699 166312 167925 169538 171151 172764 174377 175990 177603 179216 180829 182442 184055 185668 187281 188894 190507 192120 193733 195346 196959 198572 200185 201798 203411 205024 206637 208250 209863 211476 213089 214702 216315 217928 219541 221154 222767 224380 225993 227606 229219 230832 232445 234058 235671 237284 238897 240510 242123 243736 245349 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formed that no less than twenty-three boys are already on the list, and that this is looked upon as the beginning of much greater things. There cannot be too opinions as to the necessity for a good Protestant School for the boys of well-to-do parents. Many Europeans and Americans object to send their boys to the Central School for obvious reasons; and although the want of a good unmixed school is perhaps not so generally felt as it was in 1876, when the Hon. Mr. Ryrie spoke on the subject in the Legislative Council, we feel certain that Mr. Kild is doing a good work in trying to organize such an institution here. There is no reason why the experiment should not succeed, and ultimately number among its pupils boys from the entire coast lines of China and Japan.

H. M.'s TROOP-SHIP *Himalaya* arrived here to-day with the 27th Regiment and some supernumerary Naval Officers. Her dates are Portsmouth 28th December, Gibraltar 4th January, Malta 13th, Cyprus 17th, Port Said 18th, Suez 20th, Aden 29th and Singapore 17th February. She experienced very good weather the whole passage, and the troops are all in a good state of health. She has on board the Hon. W. Cadogan, and M. W. Eastlake, 21 Military officers, 5 ladies, and 7 children; 888 soldiers, 39 women, and 53 children and 12 supernumerary officers. We understand that the troops are likely to be landed early to-morrow. It was at first thought that part of the 74th would have to be sent on board the *Victor Emmanuel* for a short time, to make room for the incoming regiment, but this has now been found unnecessary.

The members of our Amateur Dramatic Club and many of Mr. Ohas. Holliday's friends in Hongkong will be pleased to learn that he has not forgotten his earlier efforts in the City Hall of this Colony. One of Mr. Holliday's best characters was as the Secretary in (if we mistake not) "Plot and Passion," performed here several years ago. The *Whitehall Review*, of Jan. 11th, says:—

"Distress, I am told, means hunger and cold. Now, therefore, is the time for Amateurs to use their talents for a far higher purpose than their own amusement. The Manchester Amateurs, with Mr. Charles Holliday at their head, and assisted by Mrs. Mackintosh and Sir Charles Young, netted a good round sum the other day, I hear, for the funds of a Volunteer Corps by their performance of 'Mask and Faces.' Surely there are other funds which stand in greater need of assistance, especially in the great manufacturing towns. To add these pleasure would become a duty, and a night's receipts would gladden many a sorrowful heart."

The steward of the American barque *Maconic* left this to-day per S.S. *City of Peking*, to be tried at San Francisco for the murder of the Captain of that vessel, on the night of the 14th November, at Manila. A short notice of the sad affair appeared in our issue of the 28th November last. The man—a Frenchman by birth—was brought here from Manila by the U.S.S. *Albatross*, and has been detained on board there until the *City of Peking* was leaving to-day. From what we can learn the Steward's version of the story is this. He had been some 4 years in the ship, and was placed there by the owner, the late Captain having only been in her a short time. The Steward, it appears, was a man possessed of a little money, and the owner was anxious that he should take a share in the vessel. He was instructed by the owner to see that nothing was wasted, and owing to the manner in which he behaved, the Captain conceived a very great dislike for him. On the night of 14th November, the Captain beat him, and drove him out of the cabin; the steward then went to the main hatch and sat down, when the deceased came and again beat him. The steward next sought refuge in the galley, and shortly afterwards he heard the Captain say "Where is that French son of a—; don't let him go before the foremost or abaft the mainmast." The deceased then went to the galley, and again assaulted the steward, who, in a moment of frenzy, snatched up a knife which was lying in the galley, and stabbed the deceased once in the abdomen. The deceased died about 4 hours after he was stabbed. The second mate and the man who was on watch at the time accompanied the prisoner to San Francisco as witnesses for the prosecution.

#### HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LIMITED.

The ordinary half-yearly meeting of the above Company was held this afternoon. Present:—Hon. W. Kerwick (in the chair), Messrs. H. Hopplius, G. B. Emory, C. D. Bottomley, A. Molver (Directors), T. G. Linstead, F. T. P. Foster, A. Newton, R. Deacon, A. G. Vaucher, J. T. Chater, J. Robinson, N. J. Ede, R. Lyall, and D. Gillies (Secretary).

The Chairman, after suggesting that the report be taken as read, said that the report contained an account of the working of the Company for the past half-year. The directors regretted that the Dividend was not larger than it was, but it was pleasing to turn over the last to the proprietors of the

current half-year. The Docks at the present moment were fully employed, and there was every likelihood of their continuing to be so for some months to come. Perhaps it would not be wise to anticipate too much, but seeing what the Company had achieved in the past, when the prospect was anything but bright, he thought they were justified in taking a hopeful view of the prospects now before them.

The Chairman concluded by proposing the adoption of the report.

Mr. R. DEACON seconded; and the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. LINSTEAD proposed, and Mr. Newton seconded, that the retiring Directors (Messrs. H. Hopplius and A. Molver) be re-elected.

This proposition was also carried unanimously.

Mr. J. T. CHATER proposed, and Mr. N. J. Ede seconded, that Messrs. Linstead and Robinson be re-elected auditors for the present year.

The motion was unanimously carried. The Chairman then intimated that the dividend warrants would be issued immediately.

This closed the proceedings.

#### CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

An ordinary meeting of the shareholders in this Company was held this afternoon at the Office, Queen's Road. There were present, Hon. H. Lowcock (in the Chair), Hon. P. Ryrie, and Messrs. Forbes, McConachie, Reliers, Andie, Vaucher, Barretto, George, Stann, Deacon, J. H. Cox, Newton, A. Smith, Crawford, W. Wilson, and J. B. Coughtrie (Secretary).

The SECRETARY having read the notice convening the meeting,

The CHAIRMAN said: Gentlemen; In offering to you the usual Report and statement of Account, although I cannot hope that you will consider it quite as brilliant as usual, I may perhaps venture to believe that you will consider it on the whole as satisfactory. It has been in your hands for some time, and you will perhaps take it as read. The working account will show that the Office has done during the twelve months a larger amount of business than it did during either of the two years, while our interest account also shows a handsome profit over that of last year. Under these circumstances I think that, considering the enormous losses we have had to pay this year, the Report may be considered as satisfactory, and that the shareholders may be congratulated on the position of the Office. Unless any gentleman has any questions to ask, or any remarks to make concerning the Report, I will propose that it be adopted, and the accounts passed.

Mr. ANDRÉ: May I ask, Mr. Chairman, how you estimate the profits on risks expired on the 31st December last?

The CHAIRMAN: At the moment I cannot tell you. No estimate has been made of it at present, but it will be made out and sent round.

Mr. ANDRÉ: According to my calculations the proportion of the premium for the year will be about \$54,000; and if the amount carried forward is \$164,000, if you take from that the losses of \$68,000, and the dividend of \$48,000, and also 20 per cent, which amounts to about \$28,000, you will have about \$140,000 to pay, and there will remain about \$24,000.

The CHAIRMAN: Yes, there will remain about \$24,000, which we hope to carry forward on 1879 accounts, when they are fairly closed, to Reserve Fund. When the matter was considered by the Board we thought that \$24,000 was ample to meet all outstanding liabilities.

Mr. ANDRÉ: I should like to put another question. Shortly after the calamity which befel this Colony on Christmas Day, it was thought expedient by some of the leading insurance companies in this place to issue a circular binding themselves to decline insurance on Chinese goods stored in Chinese houses. The circular was signed by the Secretary of this Company, but after the lapse of about one week his signature was withdrawn by order of the Board of Directors. I have no doubt that when the document was signed it was considered a serious step, and it certainly did not tend to throw credit on the very respectable Chinese community of this place, but at the same time it was an undoubted fact that with European houses, managed by Europeans, it was impossible for them to make such a close investigation as should be made in cases of calamity. I should be happy to know from you, Mr. Chairman, for what reasons you have withdrawn the signature of the Secretary. I cannot think he would sign such an important document without the sanction of any of the Directors. At the same time I should also be happy to know if this Company intends to take insurances on merchandise stored in Chinese houses.

The CHAIRMAN: In reply to the question that has been put I may say that a few days before the circular was signed by the Secretary it was placed before the Board, and of course received the consideration it merited. There was one clause—I really forget the actual tenor of it—which the Directors thought was undesirable, and on that account the Secretary was requested not to sign it. A few days afterwards it came round in a different form, and the Secretary erroneously thinking the Board would approve of it, signed it without further reference to any of the Directors. At the following meeting the Board said they did not think the step was a desirable one—that it was unnecessary. This Company never have accepted risks on Chinese property stored in any Chinese buildings, but while that was the case, they did not consider it was desirable actually to bind themselves under no circumstances, to take such risks, and therefore they requested that the signature should be withdrawn.

Mr. ANDRÉ: I am very much obliged to you; I am thoroughly satisfied, and the explanation must be also perfectly satisfactory to the shareholders.

The CHAIRMAN: I propose the adoption of the Report and passing of the Accounts; if any one will second the motion.

Mr. DEACON seconded the motion.

Carried unanimously.

Mr. HOPPLIUS proposed that Messrs. Ryrie and Forbes be re-elected Directors.

Mr. ANDRÉ seconded the motion.

Carried unanimously.

Mr. RYRIE: As you are probably aware, Mr. Lind, who was on this Board, was compelled to leave on account of ill health, and Mr. Molver having returned to the Colony, the Board invited him to occupy the seat which he had previously held. This requires confirmation by this meeting; therefore I beg to propose that the appointment of Mr. Molver to the Board be confirmed.

Mr. VAUCHER seconded the motion.

Carried unanimously.

Mr. FORBES proposed that Messrs. D. A. J. Crombie and Mr. J. H. Cox be re-elected Auditors.

Mr. BARRETTO seconded the motion.

Carried unanimously.

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen; I think that is all the business before the meeting. We are much obliged to you for your attendance, and hope you will continue to do all you can to promote the interests of the Company.

Mr. G. SHARP: Before the meeting separates I should like to say a few words on the subject of fires. There is all around us so much cause for congratulation in the position of this Company and the older Companies as well, that I feel there is a danger of the calamity under which we are now suffering being lost sight of. The position of the Companies is good. The owners of property are happy. The Chinese having seen the red light over the properties which have been consumed, they attach an enhanced value to them, and in many cases the ground on which the house stood is worth as much after the fire as it was before. So all these things tend to diminish the affliction from which we are suffering, and gentlemen in this room, with the exception of a slight recession in the value of stock, have suffered nothing from the fire. Some of us have been very large gainers by it—some of us are busy restoring properties and so on. Then who are the sufferers? I think the severe sufferers are the Chinese. I know of very many cases where I have found shops full of idle workmen in the outlying districts. I have asked them what is the matter; nothing to do? "No; no got work; no got shop sell; no man want make." The shops were burnt down, and no trade was being done. Even the vacant shops were not filled. The people are simply gone away to Macao and Canton. The industries, which were in a great degree the life of this Colony, are for six, nine, or even twelve months, paralysed if not destroyed. We have suffered a very heavy blow, and I am sure that any gentleman who will take the trouble to investigate the truth of this statement, will endorse my opinion. How is this to be prevented? I think we must adopt some other means—some more expensive means—for extinguishing fires. There must be money spent to render Hongkong secure from fire. I think it would facilitate the provision of a sufficient fund for fire-brigade purposes in Hongkong if the Government were to impose by ordinance a duty upon fire insurances. You are aware, Mr. Chairman, that the duty levied at home is 1/8 per hundred pounds of the sum insured, equal to 1/4 per thousand. Were the Government to charge a duty of 2/4 per cent upon the gross earnings of all the fire insurance companies here this would amount to rather less than half the duty charged at home. This is shown by taking the average insurance rate in Hongkong at about 1/3 per cent, which is obtained for the large proportion of short risks that are taken; whilst the main body of insurances is of course upon open policies at one per cent per annum. Take the sum insured at \$850,000 for the two local companies, and adding half as much for the 27 home companies it would give a total annual amount of \$285,000. Two and a half per cent upon that would amount to \$7,125. Adding to this 3/4 per cent for fire brigade rate, which gives about \$8,000, the two together would produce about \$21,000; so altogether there would be a fund available of \$21,000 per annum for the support of the Fire Brigade, the Fire Master, and all expenses connected with the establishment. It will naturally be replied by the two local offices and the Imperial: We do much now; we keep up an efficient Brigade and expensive engines. Then I would propose that these engines and these private brigades be merged into the Government Fire Brigade—that the engines be handed over, and that the Government or rather the Fire Master take the whole control and direction of the matter. The German offices are doing a large amount of business; the English offices are doing a large amount of business—they would all come in for their share of the expense. I think it is wholly wrong if any Insurance office say it is not their business to extinguish fires. I will venture, in conclusion, to move a resolution, which I moved last year and the year before, and which was also on both occasions moved in the Office of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, namely, that the Directors be requested to confer with the Boards of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company and the Government with a view to the provision of further means for the prevention and extinction of fires.

Carried unanimously.

The CHAIRMAN said that, although they might all agree with a great deal of that which had fallen from Mr. Sharp, he did not think that was the right occasion on which to bring forward a motion of that kind.

The matter was now engaging the serious attention of the Legislature, and with reference to the Home Office participating in the expenses, a local company had arranged to get out another fire engine, and they would endeavour to urge upon the Home Office the propriety of participating in the expense. As to the Government levying any tax on insurances, he did not think that was at all a desirable way of carrying out any change that could be deemed necessary; in fact the Government was powerless to compel offices to pay any tax. It had been tried in Canada and Government found they could not compel the Queen Insurance Agency to pay a tax. Then again, 3/4 per cent upon their earnings at the ports where they maintained steam fire engines would be less than the sum they now paid. Although he agreed with much that had been said, he would propose that the motion be not put.

Mr. RYRIE said the motion merely recommended that the Directors of the companies should confer with the Government.

The CHAIRMAN said the same resolutions had been put before and carried.

Mr. RYRIE said he quite agreed with the general tenor of Mr. Sharp's remarks, but

until they saw what the Government intended doing he thought it would be unwise handing their engines over to the Government. He thought the Government might be again reminded of the resolution; there was no occasion to pass a fresh one.

Mr. DEACON thought it would be undesirable that the motion should be again passed in connection with the remarks made by Mr. Sharp. It was impossible that all the foreign companies would pay the same proportion to the expenses of the fire extinguishing arrangements.

Mr. SHARP said he would withdraw his resolution if it were of no use.

The proceedings then terminated.

#### REPETITION OF H. M. S. PINAFORE.

The performance of Sullivan's operetta *H. M. S. Pinafore* was repeated by the Choral Society on Saturday evening at the Theatre Royal, City Hall. There was a crowded house, and a vague hope was entertained that another local "hit" was to be made by Signor Traebini. No such attempt was made, however, and the performance was so much the less interesting for those who had assembled to see the above-named comedian and not the characters proper to the piece. In adding a word or two to what we have already written on the subject, it may be honestly said that the general opinion of the representation of Saturday night was that "*H. M. S. Pinafore*," on its own merits, was a genuine success. Stripped of the intense interest lent to it by a foreign and imported (though local) excellence, it was really a good performance, and but for the disadvantageous comparison thus rendered possible, would have been classed very high in the list of the Choral Society's successes. Taken as a whole, the piece was better performed than it was on the previous occasion. The choruses were sung in more accurate time, were more effective and had more "body" about them; while the play of the crew was far superior to that of the first performance. Miss Kerr, as Josephine, was in excellent voice, and more at home in her part than on her first appearance; and her rendering of "O god of love, O god of reason, say" was so exceedingly good that it brought down the house. Two bouquets were thrown to the fair *prima donna*, and the applause was prolonged and hearty. In very good voice and capital form altogether, Tom Bowling's *Rocket* was, as if anything, more satisfactory than his first edition of that gentleman. Mr. Phoebe's representation of the gallant Captain Corcoran was somewhat marred, so far as the musical portion was concerned, by a pronounced huskiness which was not apparent in his previous effort; but that was not the fault of the actor. The other parts were well filled. Dick Deadeye's "get-up" on Saturday being a marked improvement on the "untrue blue" of his face on last occasion. What Signor Traebini was as *Sir Joseph Porter* or Saturday would serve to throw some light upon the greatness of his effort at the first performance, when he represented the First Lord and personated some one else at the same time. His *Sir Joseph* "pure and simple," however, to our minds, was nearer the character intended by the authors than was the signor's master-piece of Thursday week. The local rôle seriously hampered the actor in doing justice to the actual *Sir Joseph*, of Messrs. Gilbert and Sullivan; and though critics who saw both assert that the first personation was the best of the two in every sense, we fall to see the correctness of the criticism. Objection has been taken by others that the character was done too lightly and airily, and that too much of the burlesque was thrown in. To this we can only say that the piece is nothing if it does not burlesque the system sought to be attacked; and it seems to us that—notably in the scene where *Sir Joseph* nearly bursts with indignation—Mr. Traebini has in the *Pinafore* succeeded in adding two successes, instead of one, to his long list of great achievements on our local "boards."

The fact that no further reference is necessary to Mr. Bangster (the conductor), to Mr. Panizza (the accompanist), or to the Band of the 74th, implies that the performance went off smoothly in every way.

#### POLICE INTELLIGENCE.

(Both Magistrates sitting.)

24th February, 1879.

#### CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

Li Akwal, tailor, was charged by Wo Atai, gardener at the New Public Gardens, with having ill-used a monkey at the gardens.

Complainant stated that he noticed the defendant entice the monkey to the front of the cage by offering it a ground nut, and when the poor creature put its paw through the cage to reach the nut, the defendant struck it a hard blow.

Defendant said that he presented the nut, but another man struck the monkey. He was fined 50 cents.

#### DIGNITY.

Maria Pinto, wife of one Ricardo Pinto, Overseer of the Court, was charged on a summons with having committed an assault on her servant, one Lam Chan Lin. The complainant stated that her mistress wanted a

knife, and when she took her one she said it was dirty and slapped her (complainant's) face, and gave her two blows on the head with a broom. There were no marks.

Defendant stated that she had told the complainant to fetch some water. She brought dirty water, and when asked why she did so replied that she (defendant) could wash herself in it. On being asked what she had said, she went down stairs and began to pack up her things. She was told she could not leave the house until defendant's husband returned, and complainant then threatened defendant with a broom. The weapon was taken from her, and the mistress then noted on the offensive and pushed complainant outside, when a war of words ensued, which lasted for a considerable time. Defendant was fined \$1.

#### LARCENY.

Wong Ateol, a cargo-boat man, was sent to 3 months' hard labour for stealing 22 coconuts, the property of the master of the German barque *Humboldt*.

#### DRUNKENNESS.

William Currow, cook British barque *Black Watch*; Robert Walter Gale, seaman *Sailor's Home*; and James Davidson, seaman *Sailor's Home*, were charged with being drunk and incapable. The first defendant was fined \$1; the other two 50 cents each.

#### ALLEGED BAREFACED ROBBERY.

Yam Aping, the coolie who was charged with stealing \$1 from one of Dr. Ayres' chair coolies at the Race-Course, was committed for trial at the Supreme Court.

#### A STRANGE CASE.

Ball Singh (P. O. 625), was charged on remand with misconduct as a police constable and with destroying his clothes. The case was remanded from Saturday, in order to give Dr. Ayres an opportunity to report as to the state of the man's mind. Dr. Ayres reported that the man was in perfect possession of his senses, and Mr. Cress, addressing the defendant, said that he had only refused bail as there appeared to be some doubt as to his state of mind. The doctor had certified to defendant being in his right mind, so he (Mr. Cress) would discharge him, giving the benefit of some doubts he entertained regarding the truth of his story. Discharged with a caution.

#### SUPREME COURT.

(Before Chief Justice Sir JOHN SMALLEY.)

24th February, 1879.

REGINA v. FUNG A-CHOI, LO A-NG, AND NG MUN-CHAI.

The prisoners were indicted for unlawfully detaining a female child under the age of 14 years, and the second prisoner was further charged with bringing the child into the Colony for the purpose of selling her.

The Hon. the Acting Attorney General (J. Russell, Esq.) appeared to prosecute, and Mr. Ng Choy appeared to watch the case on behalf of the first prisoner.

The following gentlemen comprised the Jury: Messrs W. H. P. Darby, F. Fraire, J. J. da Silva E. Souza, P. Rhodes, J. Lemke, E. Beart, and J. Alabor.

The Jury retired, and after an absence of about twenty minutes returned into Court with a verdict of guilty against all three prisoners on the first count, the first prisoner being recommended to mercy on the ground of her respectability; the second prisoner was found not guilty on the second count.

The Sessions were then adjourned till to-morrow, when Jurors not having served will be required to attend at 10 a.m. The others will not be required unless specially sent for. There is only one case to be heard—a case of larceny of some flour from an American barque. All the prisoners who have been convicted will be sentenced on Thursday; and the European charged with cutting and wounding a shipmate on board a ship at Yokohama, will probably be discharged by proclamation.

#### ARRIVAL OF THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. Co.'s steamship *Bokhara*, Captain Julius Osman, with the London mail of the 17th January, arrived here yesterday morning.

#### TELEGRAMS.

(Straits Times Extra.)

London, Feb. 12.—At a Banquet given to the Rt. Hon. William Henry Smith, First Lord of the Admiralty, by the electors of Westminster, that gentleman said, in the course of a speech, that the disaster sustained in the Zulu attack was greatly to be deplored, but that reinforcements sufficient to terminate the struggle would start within a week.

London, Feb. 13.—The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Beaconsfield, in his place in the House of Lords announced that the Cabinet had decided to take immediate steps to wipe out the disaster in Zululand. He also stated that the Afghan Expedition had achieved the object for which it was despatched, i.e., the protection of the frontier of British India and the preservation of the independence of Afghanistan.

With regard to the distress in some parts of England he hoped that it would be mitigated by the weather, which showed signs of improving.

(From Indian Papers.)

London, Feb. 4.—A deputation, representing all the classes of Lancashire, waited to-day on Lord Cranbrook, the Secretary of State for India, to ask for the repeal of the Indian import duty. His Lordship, addressing the deputation, said it was intended to repeal the import duty gradually until it was simply abolished.

Last year's remission was simply a stepping stone to this result and was made in the interests of Lancashire, which should be first consulted as soon as there was a surplus available for Indian revenues. The tropics' "luxuriance," however bound, and the "Crocodyli," outward bound, have passed the Suez Canal. Consols 96½, a fall of 1 upon previous quotations.

London, Feb. 5.—A deputation from the Manchester Chambers of Commerce waited, by appointment, on Lord Cranbrook to-day on the subject of Indian import duties. His Lordship said that on the 5th instant, he telegraphed to India instructions to the officials to give the earliest prominence to any possible remissions of the cotton duties, and had received a reply this morning that the Committee of Indian Finance have been given the broadest instructions on the matter. His Lordship concluded by saying that he was anxious to examine into the defects of the present system, and that he was prepared to examine into the defects of the present system, and that he was prepared to examine into the defects of the present system.

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London, Feb. 5



## NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.  
THE STEAMSHIP "SAINT MARK,"  
FROM LONDON, PENANG AND  
SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above  
Steamer are hereby notified that  
the cargo will be landed and stored  
at their risk in the Godowns of the  
Undersigned (the Hongkong Wharf and  
Godowns, Wanchai), whence and from the  
Wharf or Godown delivery may be obtained.  
Optional Cargo will be sent on, unless  
Notice to the contrary be received before 5  
p.m. to-day.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the  
2nd prox. will be subject to rent.  
No Fire Insurance has been effected.  
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
MEYER & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, February 22, 1879. mal

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.

S. S. DJEMNAH.

## NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S.  
Gange, from London, in connection  
with the above Steamer, are hereby  
informed that their Goods are being  
landed and stored at their risk at the Com-  
pany's Godowns, whence delivery may be  
obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on,  
unless intimation is received from the Con-  
signees, before TO-DAY, the 21st instant,  
at Noon, requesting it to be landed here.  
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after Fri-  
day, the 28th instant, at Noon, will be  
subject to rent and landing charges.  
No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,  
Agent.

Hongkong, February 21, 1879.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo  
are requested to send in their Bills of  
Lading to the Undersigned for counter-  
signature, and take immediate delivery.  
This Cargo has been landed and stored at  
their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.  
G. DE CHAMPEAUX,  
Agent.

Hk "Ada."

A ME (in diamond) A MC (underneath)  
No. 8/9, Order, 2 cases Haberdashery,  
from London.

H J A H (in cross) No. 107, Aldridge  
Salmon & Co., 1 case Hosiery, from  
London.

Hongkong, February 15, 1879.

## Halls.



STEAM FOR  
SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT-DE-  
GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA,  
BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, MEDI-  
TERRANEAN PORTS, SOUTH-  
AMPTON, AND LONDON.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM  
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship  
"GALATHEA," Captain J. C. BART, will leave  
this on SATURDAY, the 1st March, at  
Noon.

For further Particulars, apply to  
A. McIVER, Superintendent.  
Hongkong, February 18, 1879. mal

Occidental & Oriental Steam  
Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND  
PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED  
STATES AND EUROPE,  
IN CONNECTION WITH THE  
CENTRAL

and  
UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING  
RAILROAD COMPANIES

AND

ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. BELGIO will be despatched  
for San Francisco via Yokohama,  
on or about the 15th day of March, 1879, at  
8 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers to  
Japan, the United States and Europe.  
Connection is made at Yokohama, with  
Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until  
4 p.m. of the 14th March. PARCEL  
PACKAGES will be received at the Office  
until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages  
should be marked to address in full; value  
of same is required.

A REDUCTION is made on Return Pa-  
ssage Tickets.

For further information as to Freight  
or Passage, apply to the Agency of the  
Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.  
G. B. EMORY, Agent.  
Hongkong, February 6, 1879. mal

WASHINGTON BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.)

WASHINGTON'S BOOKS, for the use  
of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now  
ready at this Office—Price, \$1 each.

CHINA MAIL OFFICE.

## NOTICES OF FIRMS.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.

HONGKONG AGENCY.

FROM Date Mr G. DE CHAMPEAUX  
Assumes the Management of the  
Company's Agency at this Port.  
L. HENNEQUIN,  
Acting Agent.  
Hongkong, February 13, 1879.

## NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY of  
Mr WALTER SCOTT FITZ, in our  
Firm in Hongkong and China, CEASES on  
the 31st December last.  
Mr CHARLES VINCENT SMITH is  
admitted a Partner from this Date.

RUSSELL & Co.  
Hongkong, January 1, 1879. jyl

## NOTICE.

I HAVE admitted Captain EDWARD  
BURNIE to an Interest in my Busi-  
ness of MARINE SURVEYOR.  
R. H. CAIRNS.  
Club Chambers,  
Hongkong, February 6, 1879. mal

## NOTICE.

I HAVE this Day ESTABLISHED myself as  
a COMMISSION MERCHANT, &c.,  
at No. 2, Queen's Road, under the Style of  
"J. G. SMITH & Co."

J. GRANT SMITH.  
Hongkong, January 1, 1879.

## TO LET.

TOGETHER OR SEPARATELY.  
THE DWELLING HOUSE, OUT-  
HOUSES, OFFICES and  
GODOWNS,  
Recently occupied by Messrs W. FUSTAV  
& Co.

Apply to  
LINSTEAD & Co.  
Hongkong, February 15, 1879.

## TO LET.

PORTION of a HOUSE, very suitable  
for OFFICES and DWELLING, also  
for a STORE, Queen's Road Central.  
Possession 1st March next.

Apply to  
LANDSTEIN & Co.  
Hongkong, February 4, 1879.

## TO LET.

IN the Houses on MARINE LOT 65,  
formerly known as the Blue Houses,  
situate on Praya East:—

FIRST FLOOR, No. 2, with possession  
1st February.  
HOUSE No. 4, Praya East, either the  
whole House or in Flats, with possession  
on the 1st April next.

Also,  
A FRONT and BACK ROOM in the  
DWELLING to the eastward of the Pier,  
with part of its spacious Verandah. Imme-  
diate Possession.

## TO LET.

FIRST CLASS GRANITE GODOWNS,  
attached to Blue Houses at Wanchai,  
MARINE LOT 65.

Also,  
A SPACIOUS TIMBER YARD, close  
to the Wanchai Pier. Timber received on  
Storage or the Yard Rented.

For further particulars, apply to  
MEYER & Co.  
Hongkong, August 15, 1878.

## TO BE LET.

TWO Excellent STONE-FLOORED  
GODOWNS, on Marine Lot No. 10,  
Praya Central.

Apply to  
TURNER & Co.  
Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

## TO LET.

FIRST CLASS OFFICES and GO-  
DOWNS, Nos. 54 and 60,  
Praya Central.

Apply to  
WO HANG,  
Nos. 8 and 7, Praya West.  
Hongkong, January 2, 1879.

## INSURANCES.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant  
Policies against Fire to the extent of  
\$45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored  
therein, at current local rates, subject to a  
Discount of 20% on the Premium.

NORTON & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

CHINESE FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY,  
(LIMITED).

## NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on  
Marine Risks in all parts of the World.  
In accordance with the Company's Articles  
of Association, Two Thirds of the Profit,  
are distributed annually to Contributors  
whether Shareholders or not, in proportion  
to the net amount of Premiums contributed  
by each, the remaining third being carried  
to Reserve Fund.

J. BRADLEY SMITH,  
General Agent.  
Hongkong, December 9, 1878.

## INSURANCES.

## THE LONDON ASSURANCE

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER  
of  
His Majesty King George The First,  
A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed  
Agents for the above Corporation are  
prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

Marine Department.  
Policies at current rates payable either  
here, in London or at the principal Ports  
of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.  
Policies issued for long or short periods at  
current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

Life Department.  
Policies issued for sums not exceeding  
£5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.  
Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE  
COMPANY OF  
MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

ESTABLISHED 1824.

Capital of the Company £1,000,000 Sterling  
of which is paid up £100,000  
Reserve Fund upwards of £120,000  
Annual Income £250,000

THE Undersigned have been appointed  
Agents for the above Company at  
Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai,  
and Hankow, and are prepared to grant  
Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.  
Hongkong, October 15, 1868.

SWISS LLOYD  
TRANSPORT INSURANCE COMPANY  
OF WINTERTHUR.

THE Undersigned having been appointed  
Agents for the above Company, have  
this Day taken over charge of the Hong-  
kong Agency, and are prepared to grant  
INSURANCES ON MARINE RISKS at Current  
Rates to all parts of the World.

MEYER & Co.  
Hongkong, February 10, 1879.

THE SCOTTISH IMPERIAL INSUR-  
ANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed  
AGENTS in Hongkong for the above-  
named Company, are prepared to Grant  
POLICIES against FIRE on Buildings and  
on Goods to the extent of \$50,000, at the  
usual Rates, subject to an immediate Dis-  
count of 20 per cent.

Attention is invited to a considerable  
reduction in Premiums for Life Insurance in  
China.

MEYER & Co.  
Hongkong, August 13, 1878.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE  
INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and  
Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1809.

CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, Agents at Hongkong  
for the above Company, are prepared  
to grant POLICIES against FIRE, to the  
extent of £20,000 on any Building, or  
on Merchandise in the same, at the  
usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20  
per cent.

GILMAN & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

## ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above  
Company, are prepared to grant In-  
surances at current rates.

MELOCHERS & Co.,  
Agents, Royal Insurance Company.  
Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant  
Policies against the Risk of FIRE on  
Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on  
Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of  
Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms  
and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Insurances will be re-  
ceived, and transmitted to the Directors  
for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on  
first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single  
Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-  
posals or any other information, apply to  
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,  
Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of  
China and Japan, and at Singapore,  
Hankow and Peking.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance  
granted at the rates of Premium current at  
the above mentioned Ports.

NO CLAIMS FOR POLICY FEES.

JAS. B. COUGHRAN,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1878.

## Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

Vessel's Name.	Captain.	Flag and Reg.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
<b>Steamers.</b>							
Albany	W. Ashton	Brit. str.	366	Jan. 18	Douglas Laprak & Co.	.....	K'loon Dock
America	Graham	Brit. str.	1000	Jan. 17	Bisley & Co.	.....	.....
Argyll	Scott	Brit. str.	1271	Feb. 20	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Saloon	3rd prox.
Ballou	Abrens	Ger. str.	789	Feb. 23	Siemssen & Co.	Bangkok	.....
Bokhara	Osman	Brit. str.	1776	Feb. 23	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Shanghai	at daylight
Bombay	.....	Brit. str.	749	Feb. 19	Kwok Acheong	Y'ham & San F'edao	To-day
City of Peking	Berry	Amer. str.	5079	Feb. 21	P. M. S. S. Co.	.....	.....
Conquest	Scott	Brit. str.	317	Feb. 20	Kwong Lee Yuen	.....	.....
Danube	Olanchy	Brit. str.	561	Feb. 24	Yuen Fat Hong	Bangkok	.....
Diamante	Thebaud	Brit. str.	514	Feb. 24	Russell & Co.	Amoy	To-day
Douglas	Young	Brit. str.	894	Feb. 19	Douglas Laprak & Co.	Coast Ports	at daylight
Fame	Stapani	Brit. str.	117	.....	H. K. & W'poo Dock Co.	.....	Tug Flying
Flintshire	Thomas	Brit. str.	1237	Feb. 21	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	.....	.....
Jeddah	Clark	Brit. str.	1641	Feb. 28	Soon Cheong	.....	.....
Maharajah	Clark	Brit. str.	994	Feb. 11	Siemssen & Co.	Saloon	To-day
Norna	.....	Brit. str.	606	June 23	Kwok Acheong	.....	.....
Ocean	Edmondson	Brit. str.	971	Feb. 16	R. Stevens & Co.	Australian Ports	5th prox.
Pacific	Edmondson	Brit. str.	69	Jan. 16	Siemssen & Co.	.....	.....
Saint Mark	Johnson	Brit. str.	1097	Jan. 18	Meyer & Co.	Yokohama & Higo	26th daylight
Sea Gull	.....	Amer. str.	48	July 12	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Yokohama	To-day
Sunda	Beaves	Brit. str.	1029	Feb. 12	Douglas Laprak & Co.	K'loon Dock	To-day
Thales	.....	Brit. str.	820	Jan. 28	Siemssen & Co.	Shanghai	To-day
Yangtze	Schultz	Brit. str.	782	Feb. 11	Kwok Acheong	Swatow	.....
Yongtong	Goggin	Brit. str.	286	Feb. 11	Russell & Co.	.....	.....
Zephyr	Hauer	Brit. str.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
<b>Sailing Vessels.</b>							
Abbey Cowper	Carr	Brit. bgo.	699	Jan. 29	Meyer & Co.	Keelung	Wanchai Pier
Alden Bess	Noyes	Amer. bgo.	850	Dec. 17	Rozario & Co.	Portland	.....
Alfredo	Pittaluga	Ital. bgo.	909	Jan. 17	Bornio Co., Limited	.....	.....
Arabella	Pearson	Brit. bgo.	666	Feb. 4	Master	.....	.....
Beethoven	Haje	Ger. bgo.	340	Jan. 25	Melchers & Co.	.....	.....
Black Hawk	Hoiland	Amer. sh.	1126	Jan. 13	Vogel & Co.	San Francisco	.....
Black Watch	Kenialh	Brit. bgo.	491	Dec. 6	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Channel I.O.	.....
Catherine Marden	Marden	Brit. 3m.sh.	287	Feb. 22	Siemssen & Co.	Newchwang	.....
Channel Queen	Lacheur	Brit. sh.	609	Jan. 28	Edward Schellhaas & Co.	Saloon & Mauritius	.....
Charles Maureau	Lucas	Foh. bgo.	368	Feb. 6	Landstein & Co.	.....	.....
Charmor	Fuch	Brit. bgo.	1338	Jan. 24	J. J. de Remedios & Co.	.....	.....
Christina	Capra	Brit. bgo.	173	Dec. 18	W. H. Ray	Portland (Oregon)	.....
Cocoon	.....	Amer. sh.	188	July 18	W. H. Ray	.....	.....
Coloma	Arles	Amer. sh.	853	Nov. 15	Russell & Co.	.....	.....
Conchita	Berland	Span. t.go.	408	Feb. 18	Siemssen & Co.	.....	.....
Cordouan	Berland	Brit. bgo.	459	Feb. 22	Carlowitz & Co.	Tientain	.....
Corea	Pearce	Brit. bgo.	535	Jan. 9	Meyer & Co.	.....	.....
Cresswell	White	Brit. bgo.	424	Feb. 17	Wielor & Co.	Coast Dock	.....
Davina	Scott	Brit. bgo.	238	Feb. 22	Wielor & Co.	Newchwang	.....
Delphin	Lilienthal	Ger. 3m.sh.	367	Feb. 9	Landstein & Co.	.....	.....
Dona Teresa	Ohansen	Foh. bgo.	442	Feb. 9	Wielor & Co.	Newchwang	Cleared
Elizabeth	Ohlsen	Ger. bgo.	647	Feb. 17	Siemssen & Co.	.....	.....
Excalibur	Kloetz	Ger. bgo.	282	Feb. 6	Melchers & Co.	Portland (Oregon)	.....
Formosa	.....	Brit. bgo.	744	Dec. 17	Rozario & Co.	.....	.....
Forward	Van dervoort	Brit. bgo.	499	Feb. 4	Wielor & Co.	Nagasaki	Cleared
Hanna	Denecke	Ger. bgo.	586	Dec. 1	Captain	New York	.....
Hattie N. Bangs	Bangs	Amer. 3m.sh.	877	Jan. 18	Vogel & Co.	Victoria (V. I.)	.....
Hazelhurst	Goudoy	Brit. bgo.	547	Feb. 6	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Callao	.....
Helen	Snout	Amer. bgo.	608	Jan. 1	Russell & Co.	.....	.....
Herbert Black	Threat	Amer. bgo.	578	Jan. 2	Rozario & Co.	.....	.....
Hermine	Meyer	Ger. bgo.	380	Feb. 15	Chinese	.....	.....
Highlander	Hutchinson	Amer. sh.	1352	June 19	Vogel & Co.	Hamburg	.....
Holstein	Kulper	Ger. 3m.sh.	281	Jan. 10	Vogel & Co.	.....	.....
Humboldt	Scott	Ger. bgo.	380	Feb. 18	Edward Schellhaas & Co.	Touron	.....
Hylon Castle	Starkland	Amer. sh.	1450	Dec. 18	Meyer & Co.	Callao	.....
Invisible	Yates	Amer. sh.	481	Jan. 18	Meyer & Co.	.....	.....
Irene	Madden	Brit. bgo.	849	Feb. 14	Melchers & Co.	.....	.....
James Shepherd	Pollburg	Amer. bgo.	406	Feb. 8	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Saloon	K'loon Dock
John R. Stanhope	Lannay	Brit. bgo.	504	Feb. 12	Carlowitz & Co.	.....	.....
Julia	Colledge	Brit. bgo.	453	Jan. 24	Wielor & Co.	.....	.....
Kirkland	Brown	Brit. bgo.	751	Feb. 17	Edward Schellhaas & Co.	.....	.....
Largo	Dunfield	Brit. bgo.	472	Jan. 13	Order	.....	.....
Lota	McKee	Brit. bgo.	500	Dec. 24	Rozario & Co.	San Francisco	.....
Marquis of Argyll	Dawes	Amer. sh.	1185	Nov. 10	Russell & Co.	Honolulu	.....
Matchless	Soule	Amer. 3m.sh.	484	Jan. 1	Vogel & Co.	.....	.....
Mignon	Michaelsen	Brit. bgo.	570	Dec. 1	Chinese	.....	.....
Morning Star	Bradford	Amer. bgo.	741	Feb. 23	Meyer & Co.	.....	.....
Nehemiah Gibson	Biss	Ger. bgo.	392	Feb. 9	Siemssen & Co.	Abdeen Dock	.....
Papa	Mullin	Amer. sh.	1735	Feb. 12	Captain	.....	.....
Paul Revere	Chopertone	Amer. bgo.	1183	Feb. 20	Battenfeld & Swire	.....	.....
Penobscot	Remington	Brit. bgo.	549	Feb. 10	Melchers & Co.	.....	.....
Penrith	Stemwood	Brit. bgo.	392	Feb. 11	Wielor & Co.	.....	.....
Philippine	Forle	Amer. sh.	982	Jan. 12	Russell & Co.	.....	.....
Pilgrim	Willie	Brit. bgo.	298	Feb. 20	Edward Schellhaas & Co.	Chetoo	.....
Prince Arthur	Phelan	Brit. bgo.	680	Jan. 18	Rozario & Co.	Bangkok	Cleared
Ralph M. Hayward	Doane	Amer. sh.	606	Feb. 14	Captain	.....	.....
Rosetta McNeil	Brown	Amer. bgo.	611	Dec. 10	Vogel & Co.	San Francisco	.....
Saga	Silversparre	Swed. bgo.	455	Feb. 16	Wielor & Co.	.....	.....
San Lorenzo	Vidarte	Span. sh.	260	Feb. 7	Remedios & Co.	.....	.....
Silver Eagle	Richard	Brit. bgo.	908	Jan. 1	Adamson, Bell & Co.	Portland (Oregon)	.....
Stillman B. Allen	Taylor	Amer. bgo.	696	Jan. 26	Vogel & Co.	.....	.....
Stonewall Jackson	Barlett	Amer. bgo.	1102	Dec. 30	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	London	.....
Strathcarr	Miller	Brit. bgo.	1169	Dec. 17	Vogel & Co.	.....	.....
Strathmore	Hamsworth	Brit. bgo.	500	Dec. 21	Captain	.....	.....
Symarlide	Tobiasen	Norw. sh.	943	Jan. 9	Vogel & Co.	London	.....
Sumatra	Clough	Amer. sh.	1090	Sept. 5	Russell & Co.	.....	.....
Sydenham	Miller	Brit. sh.	1063	Jan. 8	Vogel & Co.	.....	K'loon Dock
Taunton	Armstrong	Brit. sh.	687	Feb. 16	Siemssen & Co.	Saloon	Cleared
Thos. A. Goddard	Smith	Amer. bgo.	632	Jan. 9	Douglas Laprak & Co.	.....	.....
Thomas Fletcher	Pendleton	Amer. bgo.	645	Feb. 25	Captain	.....	.....
Vicenta	Tremoya	Span. bgo.	518	Jan. 24	Remedios & Co.	Manila	.....
Wandering Minstrel	Stevewright	Brit. bgo.	362	Feb. 17	Captain	.....	.....
<b>WHAMPOA</b>							
Echo	Tozer	Brit. bgo.	369	Feb. 8	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Chetoo	.....
Eve	McKenney	Foh. bgo.	327	Feb. 13	Meyer & Co.	Tientain	.....
Helen	Volquardson	Ger. bgo.	372	Jan. 18	Wielor & Co.	Tientain	.....
Pacific Slope	Tank	Brit. bgo.	709	Jan. 19	Russell & Co.	.....	.....
Paul Marie	Gaillard	Foh. bgo.	324	Feb. 20	Carlowitz & Co.	.....	.....
<b>CANTON</b>							
Amoy	Drewes	Brit. str.	814	Feb. 24	Siemssen & Co.	Shanghai	.....